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## WOODSTOCK NEWS

New Books at the Public Library.

**Fiction**  
The Foreigner, Ralph Connor  
Alexander the King; Marshall Munroe Kirkman  
Alexander and the Prince; same  
Alexander and Roxana; same.  
Keziah Coffin; Jos. C. Lincoln  
The Key of the Unknown; Rosa N. Carey.  
Old Rose and Silver; Myrtle Reed  
Jonathan and David; Elizabeth Stuart Phelps  
Walled In; same  
The Toy Shop—Story of Lincoln; Marguerite Gerry.  
Carlotta's Intended; Ruth McEnery Stuart  
Aunt Amy's Silver Wedding; same  
Where the Laborers are Few; Margaret Deland  
The Handmade Gentleman; Irving Batchelder  
Beasley's Christmas Party; Booth Tarkington.  
Susanna and Sue; Kate Douglas Wiggin  
The Backwoodsmen, Chas. G. D. Roberts.  
Poppa of the Post-office; Mabel Osgood Wright.  
Stradella, Marion Crawford  
A Certain Rich Man; Wm. Allen White.  
Listener's Sure; E. I. Lucas.  
Little Sister Snow; Frances Little  
A Girl of the Limberlost; Gene Stratton Porter  
The Wild Geese; Stanley Weyman.  
The Stowaway; Louise Tracy.  
The Flaw in the Sapphire; Chas. Synder  
Eliza; Barry Pain  
The Sword of Dundee; Theodora Peck  
The Shepherd of the Hills, Harold Bell Wright.  
John Marvel, Assistant, Thos. Nelson Page  
The Broken Road, A. E. W. Mason.

**Juvenile**  
Dorothy Dainty; series—8 vols.—Amy Brooks.  
Forest-land; R. W. Chambers  
The Spirit of the School; Ralph Henry Barbour  
The Half-back; same  
For the Honor of the School; same  
Captain of the Crew; same  
Weatherby's Inn; same  
Captain Chub; same  
The Young Trailers; Jos. A. Altshuler

The Forest Runners; same  
By Reef and Trail; Fisher Ames, Jr.  
The Boys of Greenway Court; Hezekiah Butterworth  
Cris—the Model Maker; Wm. O. Stoddard  
The Windfall; same  
Little Smoke; same  
Success Against Odds; same  
Polly; L. T. Meade  
Their Little Mother; same  
Girls of the True Blue; same  
A Sailor Boy With Dewey, Edw. Stratmeyer

With Taylor on the Rio Grande; same  
For the Liberty of Texas; same.  
On the Old Kearsarge; Cyrus Townsend Brady.  
College Years; Ralph D. Paine.  
Helen Grant, Teacher; Amanda Douglas.  
For the Stars and Stripes; E. T. Tomlinson.  
A West Point Yearling; Capt. Paul Malone.  
A Plebe at West Point; same.  
Betty Baird; Anne H. Weikel.  
Betty Baird's Adventure; same.  
Peggy Owen; Lucy Foster Madison.

## WOODSTOCK NOTES

About ten inches of snow fell Friday night and Saturday and mountainous piles left in the streets have been partly removed.  
The postoffice department will

shortly begin the issue of a new one-cent postal card to be known as the No. 4 card. The new card will be of the same size as the present McKinley cards. The paper will be of a light blue tint and will be printed in bronze-blue ink. The stamp will be an ellipse on end and will contain a profile portrait of William McKinley.

Mrs. Charles Davison, Mrs. Richard Frothingham and daughter Gwendolyn of New York are at the Inn.

O. E. Robinson, son of Gilman F. Robinson, one of Woodstock's enterprising young farmers, starts for Fremont, Neb., accompanied by his family, next Monday. He will there enter the employ of Fred E. Pratt, also a Woodstock boy, who is now the proprietor of a very successful creamery.

The annual meeting of Windsor county rural letter carriers association will be held at Springfield, Feb. 22. Meeting called at 1.30 p. m. All rural carriers are invited.

The Independent Order of Foresters will hold an installation of officers at their hall Tuesday evening, Feb. 22. Everybody is invited to attend.  
Dr. G. H. Spiller optician, will be in Woodstock at J. C. Nutting's Feb. 21, and in Windsor February 22.

There were 21 tables at the whist party given by the W. R. C. in G. A. R. hall Monday evening. The first prizes won by Miss Rose Fitzpatrick and J. B. Carbone, the consolation prizes going to Mrs. H. M. Beaman and L. A. Doubleday. Refreshments were served.

Herman S. Reed of Springfield was in town Saturday, remaining over Sunday on account of the storm.  
Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Vaughan visited their son, A. M. Vaughan, in Randolph Sunday.

## HORSES AND HORSEMEN

A promising two-year-old is Young Justin Morgan (Sherburne's) A. M. R. 5854; a chestnut stallion, 14.3 without shoes, 900 pounds. He has the characteristics of the old Morgans very pronounced. In 1909 he took first premium at the Windsor county fair and second at the state fair (not registered,) with a very gratifying compliment from the chairman of the committee. This section of Windsor county is greatly favored by having so promising a young horse just at the time of the Morgan awakening.

No hoppers shall be used on pacing horses, beginning with the season 1915, and up to that time the device is to be gradually abolished. This decision was adopted by the 25th congress of the national trotting association at a meeting in New York recently. "Hoppers," says a new rule, "shall not be used in races or performances against time on two-year-olds or under in 1910; on three-year-olds or under in 1911; on four-year-olds or under in 1912; on five-year-olds or under in 1913; on six-year-olds or under in 1914; after which time hoppers shall be barred."

## BRIDGEWATER CORNERS

E. H. Shattuck and wife and Miss Helen Shattuck were in West Woodstock last week Friday in honor of Abel Shattuck's 71st birthday.

Homer Robinson was with his mother Thursday and Friday while waiting warp at the woolen mill.

Mrs. L. H. Cleveland was with friends in South Barnard Thursday. Lewis Chamberlain and Bert Severance enjoyed a two weeks' outing in Boston, returning Friday.

Leroy Trudo is ill with pneumonia. A trained nurse from Hanover is caring for him.

Mrs. George Stevens returned to Rutland Tuesday, but came back to her father's Saturday to assist in the work. Three children of Mr. Reed are confined to their beds and three others to the house.

Mrs. Erwin Putnam has pneumonia. A nurse, Miss Robbins, from Hanover is caring for her, and Mrs. Frank Bassett is working there.

Valentine Taylor returned from Concord, N. H., Saturday.

Mrs. Calvin Hubbard, daughter Evelyn, and Mrs. Flora Perkins

were with Mrs. Sawyer Wednesday of last week.

After finishing her school in Barnard, Miss Alice Perkins on Monday returned home and on Saturday went to Hartford to finish a term of school.

Wilmer Shattuck was with friends in White River Junction over Sunday.

Deferred.

Mrs. L. H. Cleveland was in Woodstock Saturday.

Mrs. W. O. Harlow of Pittsford was with her mother, Mrs. U. J. Robinson, recently.

Miss Sarah Vaughan has returned from Randolph.

Valentine Taylor is visiting friends in Concord, N. H.

Myron Read of West Woodstock was called to his father's Tuesday by the illness of the family.

## NORTH POMFRET.

Mrs. Mosher has gone to the home of her son in Tunbridge, where she has had a serious operation for gall stones.

Will Burke has been visiting his relatives here.

Julius Hood has been in town looking for Jerseys for C. I. Hood.

Mrs. Mary Newton is spending this week in Montpelier.

Angie Harrington spent last Sunday with her sister in West Lebanon.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Phelps will be pleased to know that a son was born to them February 12.

Alvonus Stetson and son report killing forty skunks this fall and winter, and John Wheeler 85.

Fred Reed was in town last week booking orders for sugaring supplies.

The Ladies' circle gave a tea Thursday evening at Deacon Hewitt's, giving the people a opportunity to meet Mr. Goodheart, who is a candidate for the minister's vacancy.

## SOUTH POMFRET.

Grange Notes.

"When Johnny comes marching home again,  
Hurrah, hurrah!  
We'll give him a hearty welcome then,  
Hurrah, hurrah!  
The men will cheer, the boys will shout,  
The ladies they will all turn out,  
And we'll all feel gay  
When Johnny comes marching home!"

We expect him at the Grange meeting on Saturday evening, Feb. 18, and after he has been given a hearty welcome the brothers and sisters present, together with such friends as may have dropped in (for this is an open meeting) will discuss some matters relative to the best future interests of the town of Pomfret.

Come and add your opinion and give us the benefit of your views on the subject.

Abba D. Chamberlin, lecturer.

## HARTLAND HILL.

Miss Cora Morse, who has been ill for the past six weeks, is a little better at present.

The Perry children have the whooping cough instead of measles as stated last week.

Elmer Colby was in White River Junction recently.

Miss Ruth Williams spent a recent Sunday with her grandmother in White River Junction.

Mrs. E. A. Morse received a shower of postcards Tuesday, Feb. 8, it being her 69th birthday.

## SOUTH WOODSTOCK.

Deferred.

Lena Fletcher came home to attend the masquerade ball at M. J. Holt's Tuesday and returned to Henry Emery's Wednesday.

M. J. Holt's masquerade ball was well attended and was a success in every way.

Mrs. James Sleeper, who has been very sick for more than a week, is considered better.

Mrs. R. H. Kingsley recently sold a five-week-old calf to Henry Emery which weighed 188 pounds.

Several couples from here attended Pomona Grange at Brownsville.

Mrs. Clara Atwood Stewart has gone to Springfield, Mass., to teach.

## Fire in Rutland.

The worst fire in Rutland since the conflagration of 1906 occurred Saturday night, when the three story block of H. A. Sawyer & Co., was

badly gutted, the loss being estimated at \$30,000. Among the losers are the Globe Printing Co., J. J. Fay's book bindery, and M. J. Francisco's insurance office.

## State Library Notes

Miss Hobart, secretary of the state board of library commissioners, has just been in Proctorsville, helping the ladies of the library association to classify and catalogue their books and instructing them in library systems and management. The library contains some three thousand five hundred volumes, about a thousand of which were in the original gift and many of which are very valuable. There are several editions of the eighteenth century among the number.

## Death of George L. Fletcher

George Lowell Fletcher, aged 91 years and a native of Chester, died February 10, after a long illness.

In Mr. Fletcher's boyhood he worked on a farm with his father, attending the district school summers and winters, and during his leisure hours he studied lawbooks. Later he entered as a law student with Adams and Stoughton at North Chester, and afterwards with Gen. L. A. Grant.

Mr. Fletcher was admitted to the bar in 1859, and in 1864 to the Circuit and District courts.

In 1877 he was appointed United States commissioner of the Circuit courts for the district of Vermont, and he was until about one year ago in full practice of the law profession, being one of the oldest practicing lawyers in the state.

He had served two terms as postmaster and was twice the democratic candidate for congress.

In 1892 he was a speaker in the canvass of the first congressional district of New Hampshire.

During the construction of the Rutland railroad through that section he was deputy sheriff of the county.

In 1835 he was a member of the Vermont militia and worked his way from a private to lieutenant, and for 12 years he was captain of the Chester company.

Mr. Fletcher's father was a soldier in the war of 1812 and died at the age of 71. His grandfather fought in the Revolutionary war, being at Valley Forge with Gen. Washington.

Mr. Fletcher's first wife was a daughter of Cyrus and Elizabeth Jacobs and was one of seven children. She died May 22, 1888, after two children were born to them, Dillingham of Chester and Charles L., of Bellows Falls.

In 1890 Mr. Fletcher married Miss Lois A. Felton of Providence, R. I.

## Don't Let the Comet Scare You

"No, we aren't all going to be snuffed out like bugs in the entomologist's bottle when Halley's comet sweeps its tail over the earth," was the assurance given by Prof. Edwin B. Frost, director of the Yerkes observatory at Chicago, after reading a dispatch from Berkeley, Cal., in which the deadly possibility was set forth.

Although admitting that there is cyanogen gas in the comet's tail, and cyanogen gas when mixed with our terrestrial atmosphere in sufficient quantity is as fatal as lightning, the professor said, or rather intimated, that there's not enough of the poison in the heavenly vagrant's tail to make a beetle blink.

## Raw Meat as a Food for Hens

Those who are familiar with poultry know with what eagerness they eat raw meat of any kind. This habit indicates that raw meat is something their nature demands. There is perhaps no material better adapted to the needs of fowls—especially in winter—than Green Cut Bone and Meat Ground together. It is not only invigorating but it contains in a form easily assimilated the very elements required for the making of eggs. It will make hens lay when everything else fails.

C. S. Page of Hyde Park, Vt., will send a 200 lb. barrel of Green Cut Bone and Meat for \$3.50, freight prepaid, to any point in New England or Middle States. When writing him please mention this paper.

## ASKED AN EXPLANATION.

The Colonel Was Willing and Promptly Gave the Information.

In "Something of Men I Have Known" the author, Adlai E. Stevenson, has this story of a banquet attended by John Allen, member of congress from Mississippi, and the Hon. John R. Fellows: "Near the close Allen said: 'There is one thing I would like to have Colonel Fellows explain. He was captured the first year of the war and never exchanged, but held as a prisoner by the Federals until the war was over. I was taken prisoner five times and always promptly exchanged. I would like Colonel Fellows to explain how it was that he was kept in a place of safety while I was always at the front?' When the applause which followed had subsided Colonel Fellows arose and said:

"I am grateful to my friend from Mississippi for giving me an opportunity to explain that part of my military record which I apprehend has never been sufficiently clear. It is true I was taken prisoner the first year of the war, and the enemy, well knowing the danger of my being at large, persistently refused to release me until peace was restored. Had I been promptly exchanged the result of the war might have been different! But why it was that my friend from Mississippi was so repeatedly and promptly exchanged is a question that until yesterday I had never been able to understand.

"It has given me deep concern. I have pondered over it during the silent watches of the night. Yesterday, however, my mind was completely set at rest upon that question by reading the correspondence—to be found in volume 748, page 421, of the 'Record of the War of the Rebellion'—between President Lincoln and President Davis relating to the exchange of Private John Allen of Company G, Fourteenth Mississippi volunteers. The correspondence covers many pages of this valuable publication, but I will read only the closing communication.

"And while John, with a new supply of terrapin before him, was listening intently Fellows, carefully adjusting his eyeglasses and taking a letter from his pocket, continued: 'The letter I will read from President Lincoln concluded the correspondence and is as follows: "Dear Jeff—With this I return you Private John Allen of Company G, Fourteenth Mississippi. I require no prisoner in exchange. The Lord's truth is, Jeff, I had rather fight John than feed him!"'

## The Bore and the Boarders.

A bore is a person who speaks when you want him to listen, and such a person was Professor Benjamin Praxiteles Brown, autocrat of the Quentin Durward boarding house. Through two whole courses the band of hungry boarders had lent him their unwilling ears as he held forth upon spiritualism and spookism and Julia and her bureaucracy.

"In fact," boomed big Ben, "the study of the occult sciences interests me greatly. I love to explore the dark depths of the mysterious, to delve into the regions of the unknown, to fathom, as it were, the unfathomable and"

"May I help you to some hash, professor?" interrupted the landlady.

And no wonder the boarders smiled.

## Very Fishy.

She was a fisherman's daughter, she wore her hair in a net, and she preferred love in a piscatorial way. "My love," he whispered, "you hold first 'place' in my heart! Although I 'flounder' about in expressing myself, my 'sole' wish is that you will save me from becoming a 'crabbed' old bachelor. I shall stick to you closer than a 'limpet,' from you a 'wink'll' be the road to guide me. Together we will 'skate' over life's 'rocks,' and when I look at your hand beside me I shall say to myself, 'Fortune was mine when I put "herring" there!"

And then the lady dropped her eyes in sweet confusion and murmured:

"Pass the salt!"—London Scraps.

## Human Lives.

There is a story of an old time king who commanded that a palace be built for him to the sound of music. And richly was his wisdom rewarded, for when the palace was done it was found to be the most perfectly constructed and beautiful in the world. The builders had unconsciously wrought the music into their work and made it a finer kind of work than had been known before. So it is with human lives. They are infinitely better built when the builders have something to inspire and uplift them, something to kindle mind and soul and lift them above petty and commonplace thoughts and feelings.—Selected.

## LAST CALL

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## COUNTY FINANCES.

The undersigned, pursuant to Sec. 2860 of the Vermont Statutes, have examined the books and vouchers of the County Clerk and Treasurer for the year ending Nov. 30th, 1909, and submit the following report:

Nov 30 1909, cash in hands of Treasurer.....	\$ 70 52
received for county tax.....	1,114 13
children's licenses.....	163 17
vegetable licenses.....	100 00
illage share of electric light.....	25 00
	\$1,472 82

The Treasurer has paid  
sum by orders.....\$1,845 61  
Leaving a balance of cash  
in hands of treasurer, 127 21

C. H. MAXHAM, } County Judges.  
W. S. BUCK, }

The conference committee of the United States senate and the house has agreed to fix the salaries of judges of the recently created customs court, of which O. M. Barber of Bennington is to be a judge, at \$7000 a year.



First Actor—I approached the clerk of the Red Dog Inn and told him actors deserved special terms.  
Second Actor—Ah, indeed! And what did he say?  
First Actor—He said they deserved six month terms in the county workhouse.  
When the Wives Come Home.  
It's a different world from base to dome, it's a sweeter land, when the wives come home.  
The grind don't seem like it used to seem, and the old home smiles in the arms of dream.  
When the wives come home. When the wives come home.  
It's a different world from base to dome—Baltimore Sun.

Brigadier Gen Robert L. Meade, U. S. A., retired, died at his home in Lexington February 11.